

Madam Speaker, today I rise today to pay tribute to some of America's unsung heroes. To all of the Annie Grahams, Ann Lambs, Annie Grimes, Edgar Huffs, Frederick Branches, Gilbert "Hashmark" Johnsons, James Ferrens, Frank Petersens, and Thomas McPhatters of this world, I say Thank you.

Thank you for your service to our country and we will never forget your sacrifice.

HONORING HARALSON COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIR ALLEN POOLE

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in celebration of Black History Month, I want to continue recognizing African Americans from throughout Georgia's 11th Congressional District who have had a major impact on their community.

Today, I rise to honor Allen Poole of Buchanan, Georgia in Haralson County. Allen Poole has selflessly served his community and the State of Georgia throughout his life. For more than 18 years, Allen Poole served and protected his community as a Georgia State Patrol Officer. While with the Georgia State Patrol, Allen was assigned to the Honor Guard and also served on special security details for governors and presidential nominees.

After retiring from the State Patrol, Allen became the first African American ever elected to the Haralson County Board of Commissioners, where he has been appointed Chairman. Currently serving his second term as Commission Chair, Allen continues to work to improve his community while serving as a wonderful example of a dedicated public servant.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Chairman Allen Poole for his leadership and service to the people of Haralson County and his commitment to the betterment of his community.

TRIBUTE TO MASON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPER- INTENDENT TIM MOORE

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of my constituents, Mason County School District Superintendent Tim Moore of Maysville, Kentucky. On January 31st, Superintendent Moore received the F.L. Dupree Outstanding Superintendent Award from the Kentucky School Board Association.

The Dupree Award was created by Kentucky School Board Association and the family of the late F. L. Dupree, Jr., who was a member of the former London Independent Board of Education and a lifelong supporter and promoter of public education in Kentucky.

Superintendent Moore was chosen to receive the Dupree Award for his outstanding service to Kentucky's youth and to the communities of Mason County. Since becoming

Superintendent in 1997, he has helped the school district improve its academic rankings, and meet all the goals outlined by the No Child Left Behind program. Additionally, he has fostered better relationships between students, faculty, parents and staff and helped the district rebound from debt by bringing the general fund balance up to \$4 million.

Last year, former U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings and I traveled to the Mason County School District to learn about the innovative ways Superintendent Moore has dealt with the challenges faced by rural schools. During the visit, Superintendent Moore helped lead roundtable discussions with the Secretary, teachers, students and parents to discuss the local impact of federal education law in Kentucky and the improvements that can be made. Secretary Spellings and I were very impressed with Superintendent Moore's commitment to the students and to improving the learning environment in Mason County.

Superintendent Moore has inspired countless children and has been an exceptional leader in the Fourth District.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in commending Superintendent Tim Moore for his achievements.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GREEN STREETS ACT OF 2009

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Green Streets Act of 2009. Cities and States across the country are having a hard time affording the asphalt needed to repair their crumbling streets due to increasing cost of asphalt. This increase in the cost has been caused by many refineries forgoing asphalt production to instead produce more profitable products. As a result, communities in my district and across the country are postponing roadwork until transportation departments can better allocate funds without breaking their budgets.

To provide cash strapped cities and States the much need break in asphalt costs, I have introduced the Green Streets Act, which would promote the research of alternative asphalt binders made from biomass. In my home State of Missouri there is a company that is researching the use of swine manure to replace petroleum as an asphalt binder.

Not only could this potentially cut street repair costs for communities across the country, but would also reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the amount of biomass left to give off carbon dioxide. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Green Streets Act of 2009.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on

earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding the nine earmarks I secured as part of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. H.R. 1105 is a compilation of nine regular non-security related Fiscal Year 2009 appropriations bills that are each separated into their own divisions.

In Division B, covering the Department of Justice, the Office of the Sheriff in Stephenson County, Illinois will receive \$225,000 under the Community Oriented Policing Services Law Enforcement Technology account to place forward-looking infrared (FLIR) equipment on their Bell OH58 police helicopter for use throughout northern Illinois. The Office of the Sheriff of Stephenson County is located at 15 North Galena Avenue in Freeport, Illinois, 61032. Mr. David Snyders is the Sheriff of Stephenson County. The purpose of this funding is to assist Stephenson County with their search capabilities. The FLIR mounts under the helicopter and combines a highly sensitive digital thermal imaging camera with a color video camera inside a single housing. With this unit, the Sheriff's Office of Stephenson County will be able to locate missing persons or felons attempting to hide by their heat signature, regardless of time of day or weather conditions. The helicopter is available at no cost to any local, state, or federal law enforcement agency in northern Illinois, in addition to local fire departments. The Stephenson County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) in Region 2, which is comprised of 18 counties making it the largest ILEAS region in the state covering a widely dispersed population in rural Illinois.

In Division C, covering the Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Rockford, Illinois will receive \$526,000 under the Corps' Investigations account, to continue to conduct the Keith Creek Flood Control feasibility study for the Alpine Dam in the City of Rockford, Illinois in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Office of the City of Rockford, Illinois is located at 425 East State Street in Rockford, Illinois, 61104. Mr. James Ryan is the City Administrator of Rockford, Illinois. Currently, the Alpine Dam does not provide reliable flood protection and is at risk of failure, threatening 11,000 residents and businesses along Keith Creek in Rockford, Illinois. The study is necessary for the Army Corps of Engineers of Rock Island District to determine the cost and environmental impact of remedying the threat posed by the Alpine Dam. This was a joint request with Senator RICHARD DURBIN.

In Division D, covering the Small Business Administration (SBA), the Chicago/Rockford International Airport will receive \$300,000 from the SBA account to support the operations of a Manufacturing Research and Development/Education Center in partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Northern Illinois University (NIU), Rock Valley College (RVC), and other small business incubator programs in the community. The Greater Rockford Airport Authority is located at 60 Airport Drive in Rockford, Illinois, 61109. Mr. Bob O'Brien is the Executive Director of the Rockford Airport. The center will house classrooms as well as R&D facilities for local small businesses. The new center will support the development of new aerospace small business in the region and host a number of new aerospace related manufacturing companies at a small business incubator. The center will also